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Ms. Vicki L. Hoffsetz Energy Fuels Nuclear, Incorporated One Tabor Center, Suite 2500 1200 Seventeenth Street Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Ms. Hoffsetz:

Request for Surety Release, Straight Creek, M/017/018; Hillside Complex, M/037/015; Sahara Mine, M/015/026; Ivy Mine, S/037/034; Standard II, S/037/011; Far West, M/037/019; Patti Ann, M/037/003; Wood, M/037/021; and Repete, M/037/038; Garfield, San Juan and Emery Counties, Utah

Pursuant to letters received from Energy Fuels, Incorporated on July 27, 1992, requesting total and partial releases for several of their mine sites, I have put together the following summary:

Mines Which Qualify for Total Release

Based on inspections I conducted last November of 1992, I have recommended total surety release for the following mine sites:

	Mine Name	Mine Number	Surety Amount
2. 3.	Straight Creek Hillside Complex Sahara Standard II * (a surety of \$25	M/017/018 M/037/015 M/015/026 S/037/011	\$ 1,050 \$ 2,460 \$35,923 *
		,	Double Ballaby

State Lands and Forestry holds a \$25,000 bond on the Standard II Mine. The Division will recommend to State Lands that the bond be relinquished.

Mines Which Qualify for Partial Release

The following mines qualify for a partial release of surety:

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Mine Name	Mine Number	Surety Amount
 Far West	M/037/019	\$35,300
Patti Ann	M/037/003	\$23,800

Mr. Bill Almas submitted new surety calculations, \$1,395 and \$1,060 respectively addressing these sites last year. We must still evaluate these to see if they are appropriate. I hope to provide you with our approval of your calculations or new figures by the end of the month. I would not anticipate Board approval of these surety reductions until April 28, 1993.

Other Sites

The following sites must still be inspected prior to a Division recommendation concerning their status:

Mine Name	Mine Number	Surety Amount
Wood	M/037/021	\$14,274
Ivy	S/037/034	no bond
Repete	M/037/038	\$10,654

I hope to inspect these three sites sometime in late spring '93, when they become more accessible. I have never inspected the Wood, so cannot provide a recommendation at this time. I would like to evaluate the reclamation work and site stability at the Ivy before making a recommendation. Also, I have yet to inspect the Repete mine. My understanding is that this site has not yet been reclaimed.

Please inform me if any of this information conflicts with your records. $^{\gamma}$

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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